

Table 15. Mean Absolute Percent Errors (MAPE) for the April 1, 2000 Estimates of the School-Age Population in Two Sets of School Districts Compared with the Census 2000 Enumerated Population School District Characteristics

Characteristics of School Districts	All School Districts*		School Districts with Identical School District and County Boundaries Excluded*		Differences between Sets of School Districts	
	Number of Districts Included in MAPE	MAPE	Number of Districts Included in MAPE	MAPE	Number of Districts Included in MAPE	MAPE
School-Age Population	13,876	12.9	12,943	13.3	933	-0.3
1990 Census Total Population						
Under 5,000	6,163	16.2	6,082	16.3	81	-0.1
5,000 - 9,999	2,588	11.1	2,428	11.2	160	-0.1
10,000 - 19,999	2,373	10.2	2,121	10.4	252	-0.2
20,000 - 39,999	1,464	9.9	1,255	10.5	209	-0.5
40,000 or more	1,288	9.2	1,057	9.7	231	-0.4
Census 2000 Total Population						
Under 5,000	5,830	16.2	5,757	16.3	73	-0.1
5,000 - 9,999	2,550	10.9	2,422	11.1	128	-0.1
10,000 - 19,999	2,376	10.2	2,126	10.4	250	-0.2
20,000 - 39,999	1,636	10.8	1,421	11.2	215	-0.5
40,000 or more	1,484	10.0	1,217	10.6	267	-0.6
Percent Change in the School-Age Population, 1990-2000						
Decrease of more than 10.0%	1,922	20.4	1,818	21.2	104	-0.8
Decrease of 5.1% to 10.0%	1,085	7.8	1,007	7.9	78	-0.2
Decrease of 5.0% or less	1,405	8.0	1,282	8.1	123	-0.2
No Change or Increase of less than 5.0%	1,516	8.1	1,400	8.1	116	-0.02
Increase of 5.0% to 9.9%	1,536	8.6	1,429	8.7	107	-0.1
Increase of 10% or more	6,363	14.5	6,007	15.1	356	-0.6
School District Type						
Elementary School District	2,405	18.8	2,403	18.8	2	0.01
Secondary School District	477	19.6	477	19.6	0	0.0
Unified School District	10,989	11.3	10,058	11.6	931	-0.3

*School districts with known boundary errors, those affected by military base closures, extreme outliers, and with less than 30 school-age children enumerated in Census 2000 are excluded from the calculations of the percent errors.

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